GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1291
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REJECTION OF CONSIGNMENT FROM INDIA
Rao Shri Sambasiva Rayapati

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether US has rejected as many as 251 Indian export consignments in May this year on various quality and technical parameters;

(b) whether the US rejection of Indian exports is the highest followed by 239 in the case of Canada;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether export consignment rejection has discouraged domestic food industry; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken to reduce such rejections?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) : The United States Food and Drug Administration(USFDA) has reported refusal of 251 export consignments in May, 2005 on its website.

(b): Yes Sir, USFDA has reported 239 refusals in the case of Canada.

(c): The export consignments have been refused on account of non -conformity with the standards applicable in the USA.

(d) & (e): In order to address quality issues in food products exports, Government has laid down standards and residue monitoring plans for various processed food items. Government is also providing assistance for establishment/modernisation/technology upgradation of food processing units, setting up of testing/inspection facilities, support for research & development, including quality assurance and accreditation under quality certification system, creation of infrastructure, development of human resource etc.